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### Letter about the Dubois Report signed by officers of the 13th Kansas

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Leavenworth City - Kansas  
July 15 - 1865

Hon E M Stanton  
Secy of war

Sir The undersigned officers of the 13<sup>th</sup> Kansas now being mustered out of the service of the U S desire before separating desire to correct a false statement which some time since found its way into the report of Col Dubois an inspecting officer said officer having been imposed upon no doubt by malicious and designing persons for we cannot believe that he would have made such a report without having been deceived by such persons

Some of us were eye witnesses to the affair in which it was charged by said report that Col Bowen attempted to coerce certain persons to an act described in said report. Those of us who were not eye witnesses have heard the statements of officers



remarking at the same time  
that "if they were determined  
to make brutes of themselves  
they should be put where they  
would not be seen"

This is the whole matter and  
we can but express our regret  
that the inspecting officer permitted  
himself to be deceived by persons  
whose malice toward Col Bowen  
(originally no doubt from having  
been justly punished by him for  
some offense) could only find  
vent in this manly and  
concordly manner

To those who know Col Bowen's  
true character as we do no  
explanation is necessary but  
we desire the facts to go on  
record in order that his  
superior officers who do not  
know him personally may not  
be led into error in the premises

Very Respectfully &c

C A Woodworth, Major  
J Schilling Capt Co "D"  
W S Blackburn " " C  
W W Griffin 1<sup>st</sup> Lt " E



who were (and whose statements we rely upon as much as we would upon our own knowledge) and we join with them in giving the real facts in the case which are as follows

Quite a number of Colored people of both sexes were with our Regiment and the most of them had tents immediately in rear of those of the line officers for whom they were as a general thing working. Among the number were two ~~good~~ girls who behaved improperly & badly being run after by several Colored men connected with the Regiment and in so public a manner that their conduct could not fail to be observed by Col Bowen whose quarters were still further back and who had before on several occasions reprimanded them severely for their conduct — On the day in question he observed conduct so indecent, so offensive, and so public that he ordered the Serg<sup>t</sup> of the guard to put the guilty parties in the guard house



J Frankhouse Capt Co "C"  
 Samuel Flickinger " " A  
 Alfred C Low 1<sup>st</sup> Lt " " B  
 John A Croft 1<sup>st</sup> Lt " " D  
 Jas Ell Selway 1<sup>st</sup> Lt " " H  
 Alfred A Clutterbuck " " A  
 L Hensel 1<sup>st</sup> Lt " " G  
 N Slosson 2<sup>d</sup> Lt " " G  
 Amos A Coffee Surgeon 13<sup>th</sup> Kan  
 John F Shields 2<sup>d</sup> Lt Co H  
 Robert Manville Capt Co A  
 G W Smith adjt 13<sup>th</sup> Kansas  
 Antoine Brentano 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Co B  
 H L McAdams 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut A  
 John S McCully 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Co D

Given 13<sup>th</sup> on  
 Dubois Report